larger number of students was deputed for training with a view to afford early opportunities of Rangers' training to the foresters of the old Deputy Rangers' class.

(*d*) & (*e*) It is not the intention to train all the men in the department.

(*f*) Yes.

Recruitment of Forest officers from England.

*1518 Q.—Mr. A. PARASURAMA RAO: Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) how many officers are recruited for Forest Service year after year from England;

(*b*) when the last batch of officers was so recruited;

(*c*) whether there was any necessity for such last recruitment;

(*d*) whether the Secretary of State for India consults the Provincial Governments before such recruitment is made about the necessity or otherwise of such officers in the department;

(*e*) how many officers above the grade of Range officers are now in the Forest Department;

(*f*) what is the proportion of officers to the number of Range officers in the department;

(*g*) whether it is a fact that about 50 Range officers were put on special duty for want of regular work;

(*h*) what is the nature of such special work and whether such work could not be done by the regular establishment; and

(*i*) when such special work was conceived to be done whether before or after it was found that some Range officers had no work to be given to them?

A.—(*a*), (*c*) & (*d*) The total number of officers recruited every year depend on the requirements of the department and the number of vacancies existing at the time. The number of officers to be recruited thus every year is decided by the Local Government and intimated to the Government of India. The Secretary of State makes the appointments in consideration of the requirements of the provinces as intimated to the Government of India.

(*b*) One officer appointed by the Secretary of State arrived in October 1927.

(*e*) There are now 94 such officers.

(*f*) The proportion is in the ratio of 1 : 2·3.

(*g*) No. About 60 Rangers are now employed on special duty, i.e., on work other than territorial charges.

(*h*) A statement[a] showing the nature of the special work as in June last is appended. The work could not be done by ordinary Rangers employed in territorial charges.

(*i*) Some posts in the cadre are provided for non-territorial charges, i.e., special duties that are not normally entrusted to Rangers employed on territorial charges.

[a] Printed as Appendix I on pages 89–91 infra.